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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.53(b)

Dear Sir:

On June 5, 2001, Applicants filed a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2) for the above-referenced application, which was not received by the deciding official until after the application issued as US Patent No. 6,246,062; therefore, the petition was dismissed as Moot in the Decision on Petition and Notice of Improper Filing mailed August 2, 2001. Applicants, through their attorney, hereby petition to request that the CPA filed on June 5, 2001 be accepted and accorded the June 5, 2001 filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

A copy of the specification, drawings and signed declaration and power attorney filed in the prior application is attached hereto.

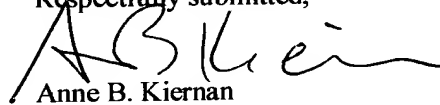
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This petition is being filed within the two-month time frame indicated in the Decision on Petition and Notice of Improper Filing (Paper No. 11). Further, the Decision on Petition and Notice of Improper Filing indicates that no petition fee is required. Applicants look forward to a favorable reply.

Respectfully submitted,



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